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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A). A copy of the cited reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,145,974, has been enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

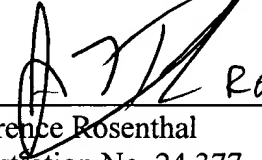
This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, no fee is required with the filing of this IDS. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account 19-4709.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above information and that a copy of the enclosed Form (PTO/SB/08A) be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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